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Application Number	09/787,215
Filing Date	May 17, 2001
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Art Unit	1617
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- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_  
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_
- b. Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Declaration Under 31 C.F.R. 1.132

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_

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- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 20-1469
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- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_
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In re Application of:

Kirchholtes et al.

Serial No.: 09/787,215

Filed: May 17, 2001

For: HIGH PURITY COMPOSITION  
COMPRISING (7 $\alpha$ , 17 $\alpha$ )-17-HYDROXY-7-  
METHYL-19-NOR-17-PREGN-5(10)-EN-  
20-YN-3-ONE

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

The Final Office Action mailed October 2, 2002, has been received and reviewed. This amendment is submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination.

Claims 1-7, 9-11, and 13-18 are currently pending. New claims 19 and 20 are added. All claims stand rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amended claims 1-6, 9-11, and 13-17 are shown below. Claim 18 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 19 and 20 have been added. Also attached is a version with markings to show changes made to the claims.